

Attention Co-Chairs Senator Gerratana and Representative Ritter as well as Members of the Public Health Committee.

My name is Melissa Agnello. I live in Southbury and have for the past 44 years. Not only do I know countless people that have been employed by the State at this facility, I have witnessed first hand the benefits of this "home".

I have volunteered for the past 8 years at the Thrift Shop that raises much needed additional funding for the Residents. This has been their home for most of their lives. I couldn't imagine transplanting these Residents and laying off hundreds of personnel.

Seems to me that would cost the State more in the long run.

Please reconsider.

Melissa Agnello